

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A tire comprising a tread, wherein said tread comprises
~~comprising~~ a rubber composition, said composition comprising a diene elastomer, a reinforcing
inorganic filler in an amount of greater than 50 phr, a coupling agent and a plasticising agent,
wherein the diene elastomer comprises more than 30 phr of butyl rubber and the plasticising
agent comprises an unsaturated (C₁₂-C₂₂) fatty acid triester of glycerol.

2. (Currently amended) The tire A tread according to Claim 1, wherein the amount
of butyl rubber is at least 40 phr.

3. (Currently amended) The tire A tread according to Claim 2, wherein the amount
of butyl rubber is within a range from 40 to 80 phr.

4. (Currently amended) The tire A tread tread according to Claim 1, wherein the
butyl rubber is a halogenated butyl rubber.

5. (Currently amended) The tire A tread tread according to Claim 4, wherein the
butyl rubber is a brominated butyl rubber.

6. (Currently amended) The tire A tread tread according to Claim 1, wherein the
fatty acid of the glycerol triester is for more than 50% by weight selected from among the group
consisting of oleic acid, linoleic acid, linolenic acid and mixtures of these acids.

7. (Currently amended) The tire A tread tread according to Claim 6, wherein the fatty acid comprises more than 50% by weight of oleic acid.

8. (Currently amended) The tire A tread tread according to Claim 7, wherein the fatty acid comprises more than 80% by weight of oleic acid.

9. (Currently amended) The tire A tread according to Claim 8, wherein the glycerol fatty acid triester is glycerol trioleate.

10. (Currently amended) The tire A tread according to Claim 9, wherein the glycerol trioleate is present in the form of sunflower oil.

11. (Currently amended) The tire A tread according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of glycerol triester is between 5 and 80 phr.

12. (Currently amended) The tire A tread according to Claim 11, wherein the amount of glycerol ~~trimester~~ triester is between 10 and 50 phr.

13. (Currently amended) The tire A tread according to Claim 12, wherein the amount of glycerol triester is within a range from 15 to 30 phr.

14. (Currently amended) The tire A tread according to Claim 1, wherein the diene elastomer comprises, in addition to the butyl rubber, at least one elastomer selected from among the group consisting of polybutadienes, synthetic polyisoprenes, natural rubber, butadiene copolymers, isoprene copolymers and mixtures of these elastomers.

15. (Previously presented) A process for preparing a tire tread having improved grip on wet roads, wherein said process comprises steps of:

- incorporating in a diene elastomer, in a mixer:

- a reinforcing inorganic filler;
- a coupling agent;
- a plasticising agent,

by thermomechanically kneading the entire mixture, in one or more stages, until a maximum temperature of between 130°C and 200°C is reached;

- cooling the entire mixture to a temperature of less than 100°C;

- then incorporating:

- a cross-linking system;

- kneading the entire mixture until a maximum temperature of less than 120°C is reached;

- extruding or calendering the rubber composition thus obtained, in the form of a tire tread;

wherein the diene elastomer comprises more than 30 phr of butyl rubber and the plasticising agent comprises an unsaturated (C₁₂-C₂₂) fatty acid triester of glycerol.

Claims 16-17 (Cancelled).

18. (New) The process according to Claim 15, wherein the reinforcing inorganic filler is in an amount of greater than 50 phr.